

TRIBUTE TO HENRY MESSER AND
CARL HOUSE ON THEIR 50 YEARS
TOGETHER AND TO THE TRI-
ANGLE FOUNDATION AND ITS 10
YEARS OF ACTIVISM

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Triangle Foundation, an organization dedicated to the struggle for dignity, justice, and civil rights in Michigan. I also wish to honor the Triangle Foundation's founder Henry Messer and his partner, Carl House, and acknowledge their continued activism and their 50 years together.

The Triangle Foundation of Michigan has been fighting for the rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) people in Michigan for ten years. Through the work of a dedicated and highly capable staff, the Triangle Foundation has been the leader on GLBT issues in Michigan. Their efforts have helped to enact anti-discrimination laws in many Michigan cities and turn back unfair and unjust policies in others. The Triangle Foundation's energy on the electoral front has given a voice to those who support civil rights initiatives and who understand that discrimination has no place in America.

The Triangle Foundation's dedication to the struggle for civil rights is a testament to the devotion and involvement of Henry Messer and Carl House. As early as the 1950s, they were helping to organize and support GLBT rights movements in New York City. Dr. Messer, who is a retired Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Michigan, was also a member of the Mattachine Society, which, founded in 1951, is often considered a beginning force in the contemporary gay rights movement in the U.S.

In the late 1970s, Henry Messer and Carl House moved to Michigan, but did not leave behind their strong ideals and commitment to justice. Instead they continued their strong activism in state and local politics and issues affecting GLBT people. This culminated in 1991 when Henry Messer, with Carl by his side, founded the Triangle Foundation and propelled Michigan into the GLBT rights movement.

Because of the work of Henry Messer, Carl House, the Triangle Foundation, and many others in the struggle, we have come a long way in our efforts to expand civil rights to everyone—but we still have a long way to go. Through continued activism and education, we can and will reach our goals.

**SALUTE TO ELLSWORTH AIR
FORCE BASE**

HON. JOHN R. THUNE

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the men and women of Ellsworth Air Force Base in my home state of South Dakota upon their return home from Afghanistan.

Ellsworth Air Force Base is the home of the 28th Bomb Wing of B-1 bombers and more

than 3,500 military and civilian members. Each of these men and women proudly serve their country in numerous ways every day. And when duty calls, they are ready and willing to stand in harm's way on behalf of their country.

The people of Ellsworth Air Force Base have a history of performing well in U.S. missions. In Operation Desert Fox during the Gulf War, crews from Ellsworth helped the B-1 make its combat debut, and they also participated in Operation Allied Force in Kosovo.

Most recently, B-1 air and ground crews returned to Ellsworth after participating in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The B-1 and their crews were involved in every aspect of the most precise, intense bombing campaign in history, flattening terrorist targets and taking out Taliban strongholds. These bombers were the key to winning the war in Afghanistan.

I also want to pay tribute to Ellsworth's commander, Brigadier General Edward Rice, Jr., who commanded all B-1 and B-52 operations over the skies of Afghanistan. His recent promotion says more about his value to our nation than any words can say.

Mr. Speaker, the men and women of Ellsworth Air Force Base are tremendous assets to South Dakota and to our country. I am proud of the important role they play both at home and abroad. For all the sophistication of the military hardware in use today, we know it is the individuals, like those at Ellsworth, who truly get the job done.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the men and women of Ellsworth Air Force Base. All of America owes both the B-1 and these people their thanks.

**THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
GUAM HILTON RESORT AND SPA**

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, Conrad Hilton began his famous career by renting out rooms in the San Antonio adobe house where he grew up. He officially entered the hotel business in 1919 when he took over a small hotel in Cisco, Texas. Today, the name "Hilton" has become synonymous to the word "hotel" with their coast-to-coast operations in the United States as well as in Spain, Turkey, Cuba, Egypt, and many other nations.

As with its sister facilities throughout the world, the Hilton Guam Resort and Spa, now celebrating its thirtieth anniversary, has made an indelible mark on the island's tourism industry as well as the local community. A partner in the island's development, Guam Hilton became the first international deluxe hotel to build facilities on the island in 1972, as Guam's tourism industry was still in its earliest stage. Over the next thirty years, the hotel has expanded its operations at its original location in Tumon Bay, the center of the island's tourist trade. From its initial 250 guest rooms with three food and beverage outlets, the Hilton Guam Resort and Spa is now comprised of three main buildings housing 687 guest rooms along with seven Food and Beverage outlets. Nestled on 32 acres of prime beachfront property, the restaurant facilities within the hotel complex offers health conscious menus which

has recently been added to their unique tropical cuisine.

Sport enthusiasts for years have taken advantage of the Hilton's sports programs and facilities. Their tennis facilities feature five night lighted courts. A variety of programs are available for novices and advanced players along with supervised activities and exercise programs for all ages. A state-of-the-art fitness club with saunas, a water park, jacuzzi, a children's playground and activities room, jogging and walking trails, and a private beach club offering a variety of watersports equipment rental have also been made available to guests. Major tourist attractions, diving, deep-sea fishing and world class golf facilities may also be conveniently arranged through the hotel's tour desk representatives.

A wide range of spa activities, massage therapies, body treatments and salon services complement the sports and leisure activities. Patrons can relax in idyllic surroundings while trained hands of the Mandara spa staff provide soothing services in an unhurried fashion. Professional consultants from the Adventist Medical Services are also available to administer health programs.

On Valentine's Day of 1997, overlooking a spectacular view of the island's most popular spots, Two Lovers Point and Tumon Bay, the first wedding at the newly opened wedding chapel, St. Grace by the Sea was held. Later that year, the hotel's 25th Anniversary was celebrated by the first ever laser light show on Guam with the event's proceeds going to local non-profit organizations such as Guma Mami, the Guam Chapter of the American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross.

For the past three decades, the Hilton Guam Resort and Spa has been a main contributor in the development and progress of the island's tourism industry. Through the years, Hilton has made great contributions and provided innovations that make Guam extraordinary and more appealing to both its residents and visitors. Under the able leadership of Mr. Manfred Pieper, I expect and I am assured that Hilton will continue to build upon its thirty-year legacy. On behalf of the people of Guam, I offer my congratulations to the management and employees of the Hilton Guam Resort and Spa on their 30th anniversary.

**ON NIST'S VALUE TO THE COUNTRY
AND ITS CONTRIBUTIONS
TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY**

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and to its contributions to our national security.

You might have seen NIST in the news lately. Two of my constituents—Dr. Eric Cornell, a researcher at NIST's labs in Boulder, Colorado, and Carl Wieman, a researcher at the University of Colorado—were awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics for their work in creating a new state of matter. The goal of the scientists was to create Bose-Einstein condensation, an extreme state of matter predicted by Indian physicist Satyendra Nath Bose and later expounded upon by Albert Einstein.